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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 00578

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, BEXP, MR, SP
SUBJECT: SPANISH PERIODICAL ARTICLE ON US ARMS MERCHANTS
IN NOUAKCHOTT

REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 126, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 127,
(C) 77 MADRID 9179

1. SPANISH MAGAZINE "QUE" IS ONE OF A GROWING NUMBER OF
SENSATIONALIST WEEKLIES WHICH HAVE SPRUNG UP IN MADRID IN
THE PAST TWO YEARS. (THE DECEMBER 12 ISSUE WAS NUMBER
FOUR.) THIS MAGAZINE AND ITS SIBLINGS MIX LEFTIST
POLITICS WITH INNUENDO, HEARSAY AND CHEESECAKE.

2. THE ARTICLE CITED IN REF A AND B IS REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE GENRE. NO OTHERS BY ADRIAN WECER OF KAPPA PRESS HAVE
APPEARED HERE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY
FOLLOW-UP BY OTHER ELEMENTS OF MADRID PRESS. (WE HAVE
CHECKED WITH GERMAN EMBASSY HERE AND THEY HAVE NOTHING
FURTHER ON THE STORY.) THIS IN SPITE OF THE EFFORTS OF
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CERTAIN PAPERS TO KEEP ALIVE THE STORY THAT SPAIN IS
SELLING ARMS TO MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO (E.G. REF C).
THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE: SENSATIONALIST AFTERNOON DAILY
"DIARIO 16" CITED RELIABLE SOURCES ON JANUARY 12 THAT
MORTARS AND CANNONS WERE AIRLIFTED FROM BILBAO TO
MAURITANIA AT THE RATE OF AT LEAST ONE FLIGHT PER NIGHT
(DURING HOURS WHEN THE BILBAO AIRPORT WAS CLOSED) BETWEEN

DECEMBER 11 AND 18. ON JANUARY 13 DIARIO REPORTED A GOS
DENIAL OF THEIR STORY BUT INSISTED THAT IT WAS ACCURATE.
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